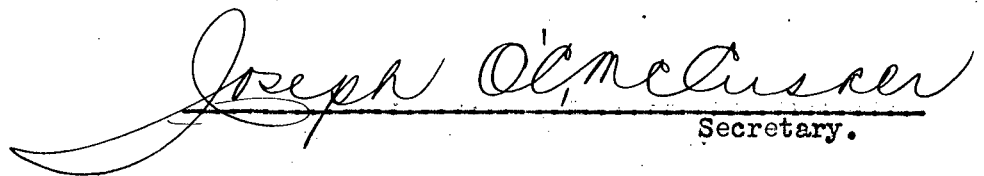


said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, at three-thirty P. M.

Present:

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor  
Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller

Doctor J. Clement Clark, Superintendent of Springfield State Hospital, submitted plans for a new building in the Women's group and a new building in the men's group, which were prepared by Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, who was also present and explained the drawings, and upon motion duly made and seconded the Board approved the plans for the work.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent:

"Dec. 30, 1925.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

On October 7th the writer appeared before your Board and requested approval of a plan to remove the office of the State Purchasing Bureau into a warehouse, thus anticipating provision therefore in the State Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1926.

Your Board very kindly agreed to the proposal and made an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars to defray the increased rental of the warehouse space for the period from January 1st to September 30th, 1926. Provision for the increased rental is made in the budget beginning October 1st.

The space at that time under contemplation was in the building for-

merly owned and occupied by the General Wholesale Grocery Company, on Light and Lee Streets. A proposition was made by the real estate agent who was supposed to have been in charge of the rental of the building for a certain amount of floor space at a certain rental, and for an agreed period of time of three years. The building is owned by the National Bank of Baltimore, and when the proposition was formally passed on by the bank officials they would not agree to certain of the terms which their real estate agent advanced. In the first place, while willing to give the three years lease, they inserted a clause in the lease providing that after the expiration of one year, and upon sixty days notice, possession could be obtained of our space in the event of the sale of the building and need for such space on the part of the purchaser. Secondly, the Bank Officials would not agree to include in the lease the office space on the first floor, and which had been agreed to by the real estate agent. There was no other suitable office space in the building. Thirdly, while the real estate agent had agreed for the owners to furnish elevator service, we found upon investigation that no elevator operator was employed by the owners, making it necessary for the tenants now occupying the building to operate the elevators themselves.

The fact that the right was reserved by the owners to repossess the property after one year, and the lack of support given by the owners to their real estate agent's proposition which he made voluntarily to me, and which he still claims he was authorized to make, lessens the desirability of that space in our judgment to such an extent that negotiations were terminated.

After further investigation we reached the conclusion that the proposition offered by the Whitaker Paper Company for space in their building is the most desirable. They offer 12600 feet of space on the 6th floor of their modern concrete warehouse on Davis Street, Saratoga Street and Guilford Avenue. The rental is to be \$5230.00 on a three year lease, with privilege of renewal at the same price.

On Guilford Avenue there is a three freight car switch directly into the building, affording facility for unloading under cover, together with an unloading platform for trucks. On Davis Street there is a covered unloading platform which will accommodate six large trucks. There is an elevator in the rear on which supplies will be hoisted from the loading platform; an elevator in the front on which supplies will be delivered to the loading platform, in addition to which there is a large chute which can quickly and conveniently handle package goods. The location of the building is convenient and facilities are good for conveniently handling supplies. We believe this space will suit our purposes and respectfully request that the appropriation which your Board made toward the increased rental for warehouse space be approved for the Whitaker Building instead of the building formerly occupied by General Wholesale Grocery Company.

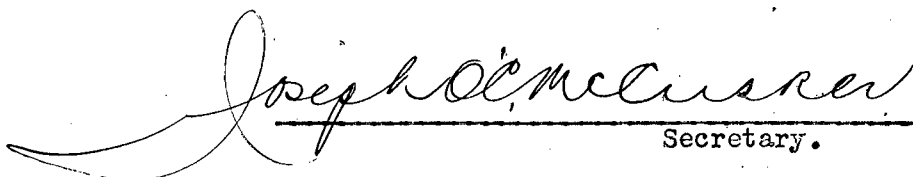
Yours very truly,

(Signed) Walter N. Kirkman

State Purchasing Agent."

Upon motion duly made and seconded the plans of Mr. Kirkman were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.